## **Green Lodging Michigan**

While traveling this summer, think green and stay at one of Michigan's Green Lodging facilities! The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Labor and Economic Growth have launched a new program aimed at environmental conservation in Michigan's lodging industry. Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) encourages hotels, resorts, motels, and bed & breakfast facilities to implement



environmental initiatives and cost-saving 'green' practices to conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality, reduce waste, and participate in environmentally preferred purchasing.

GLM is a voluntary and non-regulatory certification program offered to hotel operators at no charge. Technical assistance is provided to those who are interested in implementing "green" strategies and earning certification. There are three levels of certification: **Partner, Steward, and Leader**, which can be earned by completing a self-assessment checklist and achieving a minimum number of requirements and points.

For more information about the Green Lodging Michigan program and to see the list of participating facilities, go to www.michigan.gov/greenlodging. If your favorite hotel is not currently participating in this program, encourage them to become a member, and forward a copy of the <u>Green Lodging Michigan</u> brochure.